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REPORT

Military Information from the Areas of Goerlitz and Falkenberg

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

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1. [redacted] 60 Soviet soldiers were billeted in a private house near the railroad viaduct in the city sector west of the Neisse River. The soldiers were assigned to guard duty at the border-crossing point on the road bridge. (1) No Soviet troops were observed in the vicinity of Goerlitz west of the Neisse River nor in the area of Goerlitz-Lodenau, 20 km north of Goerlitz, between 3 and 9 September. (2) The road bridge across the Neisse River at Lodenau had been built and was guarded by German Grenzpolizei personnel. The east bank of the Neisse River between Goerlitz and Lodenau was cleared of vegetation as far as 50 meters from the river, and blocked by two rows of barbed-wire entanglements, each about 1 meter wide. Wooden observation towers lined the east bank of the river at intervals of 200 to 500 meters.

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2. [redacted] a Volkspolizei Grenzkreiswehr was stationed in the town, but no Soviet military personnel. [redacted] a Volkspolizei training area was located at Kosel, and [redacted] the nearest Soviet troops were at Nochten. Wooden bridges had been built across the Neisse River at Klein-Priebus and Weinbach. (3)

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3. On 10 September, two Soviet trucks [redacted] each carrying about 15 soldiers with white bands around their caps, were seen on the road between the Uhyst railroad station and Lohsa. At Riegelein a Soviet soldier wearing a white band around his cap and holding a black and yellow flag. [redacted] a field exercise involving two opposing teams was going on, and that he himself was stationed at Nochten. About 32 trucks [redacted] were seen on both sides of the Hoyerswerda-Spremberg road, at a point between the junctions of the roads to Buerhammer and Sabrodt. A jeep [redacted] was also observed there. (4) Source subsequently observed truck [redacted] occupied by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. (5)

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4. On 11 September, no Soviet troops were seen in the area northeast of Falkenberg, including the towns of Uebigau, Wildgrube, Troebitz, Schoenborn, Dobrilugk, Lehrenshain, Dubrichen, Priessen, Baerfang, Oelsig, Osterroda, and Herzberg, and the woods on either side of the road.

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[redacted] with the exception of the airfield at Falkenberg, no Soviet troops were located in the area specified. (6) 50X1-HUM

[redacted] Comments.

- (1) No Soviet troop units are known to be stationed in Goerlitz. The personnel seen there probably belonged to the MGB. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (2) [redacted] Soviet troops, who were said to have arrived from the east across the Neisse River, were reportedly located at the beginning of July 1951. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
The Reichenbach area was reported to have been free of Soviet troops on 9 August 1951. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (3) The Volkspolizei Grenzbereitschaft in Niesky is known from previous reports. Volkspolizei practicing at the Kosel training grounds probably belonged to the Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) in Loebau. 50X1-HUM
- (4) The vehicle [redacted] belongs to a component unit of the 9th Mecz Div, which apparently practiced in this area, coming from the Weisswasser troop training grounds or from Spremberg. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (5) A truck of the MGB. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (6) No troops have been carried in the Falkenberg area. Falkenberg was repeatedly mentioned in connection with Soviet troop trains which passed through the town in August 1951, coming from an undetermined shipping point. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
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